

JEAN BAPTISTE SAUCIER.

DECEMBER 30, 1831.

Mr. BULLARD, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of J. B. Saucier, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That it appears by the testimony of highly respectable witnesses, that Saucier, the ancestor of the petitioners, more than forty years ago, made a settlement on the river aux Chênes, in the parish of Plaquemine, State of Louisiana, about thirty miles from New Orleans; that he cultivated corn and other crops, and kept a stock of cattle and hogs on it; that the establishment has always been kept up; that it was always considered as his property, and inventoried as a part of his estate.

The committee are satisfied, from this evidence, that, according to the acts of Congress heretofore passed on the subject of land titles in that part of the country, the claimants are entitled to six hundred and forty acres of land, as a settlement right, in virtue of the occupancy and cultivation of their ancestor.

They therefore report a bill for their relief.

HEARINGS OF THE SENATE

DECEMBER 30, 1921

Mr. HERRING, from the Committee on Finance and Commerce, made the following

REPORT

The Committee on Finance and Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of A. B. Smith, have had the same under consideration and report

That it appears by the testimony of highly responsible witnesses that the management of the business since then has been made a success of the trust and property in the hands of the said Smith, about thirty miles from New Orleans; that he collected some and other things, and kept a stock of cattle and hogs on it; that the said business has always been kept up to date. It was always profitable and

property and investment as a part of his estate. The business was continued until his death, and according to the terms of his will, the business was placed on the system of land and stock in that part of the business, the same was carried to my husband and family, and it was, as a settlement, kept in charge of the company and collection of their property.

This business report is for their estate.